

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 24 and 45 as follows.

Claims 1-23 (Cancelled).

24. (Currently Amended) A telecommunications system comprising:

a telecommunication network,

a first station, and

a plurality of second stations,

the first station being arranged to request a connection with at least one of said plurality of second stations, said connection request comprising a location criteria to be satisfied by at least one second station,

wherein the telecommunication network is provided with at least one store for storing location information for at least some of said second stations and selection means which selects at least one of the second stations for connection in dependence on the location information stored in the store, and

wherein the telecommunications system connects the first station to the at least one second station selected by the selection means.

25. (Previously Presented) A system as claimed in claim 24, wherein at least one store is provided for storing location information for at least some of said second stations and/or said first station.

26. (Previously Presented) A system as claimed in claim 24, wherein at least one processor is provided for providing location information for at least some of said second stations and/or said first station.

27. (Previously Presented) A system as claimed in claim 24, wherein the first station is arranged to attempt to initiate a connection with any second station satisfying the location criteria.

28. (Previously Presented) A system as claimed in claim 24, wherein the first station is arranged to initiate a connection with a second station satisfying the location criteria and falling in a predetermined group of second stations.

29. (Previously Presented) A system as claimed in claim 28, wherein a predefined location criteria is associated with the predetermined group.

30. (Previously Presented) A system as claimed in claim 28, wherein the predetermined group has a predetermined identifier associated therewith.

31. (Previously Presented) A system as claimed in claim 28, wherein the predetermined group is defined by the user of the first station.

32. (Previously Presented) A system as claimed in claim 24, wherein means are provided for determining which stations satisfy the location criteria.

33. (Previously Presented) A system as claimed in claim 32, wherein information as to which second stations satisfy the location criteria is sent to the first station.

34. (Previously Presented) A system as claimed in claim 33, wherein the first station comprises means for selecting said at least one of said second stations based on said information.

35. (Previously Presented) A system as claimed in claim 32, wherein the determining means is arranged to define an order in which connections to second stations satisfying the location criteria are to be attempted.

36. (Previously Presented) A system as claimed in claim 32, wherein the determining means is arranged to attempt connections to second stations satisfying the location criteria randomly.

37. (Previously Presented) A system as claimed in claim 24, wherein at least one of said second stations is arranged to be able to prevent a connection with the first station if the first station has made a connection request based on the location of the at least one second station.

38. (Previously Presented) A system as claimed in claim 24, wherein at least one of said stations is arranged to permit a connection only with predefined first stations if the first station has made a connection request based on the location of said at least one station.

39. (Previously Presented) A system as claimed in claim 24, the arrangement being such that a second station satisfying the location criteria receives a message indicating that a first station wishes to make contact therewith.

40. (Previously Presented) A system as claimed in claim 39, wherein the second station receiving said message is arranged to indicate if the call is to be accepted.

41. (Previously Presented) A system as claimed in claim 24, wherein said connection request also comprises information identifying at least one second station and a call is

made between said first and the identified at least one second station only if the location criteria is satisfied.

42. (Previously Presented) A system as claimed in claim 41, wherein if the second station does not satisfy the location criteria at the time the connection request is made, the system is arranged to make the call at a subsequent time when the second station satisfies the location criteria.

43. (Previously Presented) A system as claimed in claim 24, wherein the first station and/or at least one of said second stations is a mobile terminal.

44. (Previously Presented) A system as claimed in claim 24, wherein said first station and/or at least one of said second stations is a fixed terminal.

45. (Currently Amended) A method for use in a telecommunications system comprising a telecommunication network, a first station and a plurality of second stations, the method comprising ~~the steps of:~~

defining at the first station a location criteria to be satisfied by at least one second station;

requesting a connection with at least one second station satisfying said criteria;

determining at the telecommunication network which of said second stations satisfy said criteria; and

establishing a connection between said first station and said at least one second station satisfying said location criteria;

wherein the telecommunications network selects at least one of said second stations satisfying said criteria in dependence on stored location information, and the telecommunications system connects the first station to the at least one second station selected by the telecommunication network.

46. (Cancelled)